



Islands Trust

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Dear Community, I was delighted to have our first LTC meeting on island. I've been learning so much new material that it was refreshing to have a meeting about something I am deeply familiar with. A lot of what the Islands Trust does can seem a bit cumbersome, but the more I learn, the more I see how important land use planning is. If we do not make plans on how to protect and shape how we use land, we have no control of the future we want for our island community.

The OCP is awaiting further First Nations and Community consultation. As the community plan is an ever-evolving document, it's hard to decide when good enough is good enough. Even once it is completed; it will require cohesion between the OCP and land use by-laws.

I had our trust committee chair from Gabriola stay for the night. I wanted her to be able to get to know the island she was making decisions about. She greatly enjoyed her time here and was a fantastic chair. Her interest lies primarily in housing, which we discussed in the context of Lasqueti.

While Lasqueti's needs for housing are currently minimal, I can only see housing needs increasing due to density pressure and changing demographics. This is another reason why land use planning is so important. How can we plan so that Lasqueti is able to support its changing population?

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